

Do you have a smart idea for how the Department of Energy can trim costs and save taxpayer dollars? Submit ([www.SaveAward.gov](http://www.SaveAward.gov)) your cost-saving initiative for potential inclusion in the President's Budget and become the first-ever SAVE Award winner.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 14, 2009. The winner will meet with President Obama at the White House and have his or her savings initiative incorporated into the FY 2011 Budget. In addition, the agency with the most participation in the contest will receive an award.

In a radio address on April 25, 2009, the President called for "a process through which every Government worker can submit their ideas for how their agency can save money and perform better."

The President's SAVE Award will fulfill this commitment by enabling any Federal employee to submit ideas for efficiencies and savings as part of the annual budget process. This contest is part of a larger effort to make sure that we invest taxpayer dollars in programs and initiatives that have proven records of success and fix or end programs that do not.

All submissions are confidential and can be made at [www.SaveAward.gov](http://www.SaveAward.gov).

The deadline is Wednesday, October 14, and the winner will be announced in November. I urge you to participate ([www.SaveAward.gov](http://www.SaveAward.gov)) not only so the Department of Energy can win the award for the best participation, but also because this effort is an important way to give the American people a Government that does more for less.

Thank you for your support of this effort and for participating in the President's SAVE Award contest.

Sincerely,

Steve Chu